

1904-024
Lee Co.

Chancery Causes · Charles Bledsoe vs Minnie Bledsoe

Clark, Hicks

CA-Divorce
T-Vices

To the Hon. H. A. W. Skeen,
Judge of the Circuit Court of ~~Salem~~
~~Salem~~ County, Virginia.

Annably complaining, shew-
eth unto your Honor, your
orator, Charles Bledsoe, a citi-
zen of said county, in the Com-
monwealth of Virginia;

That hitherto, to wit, on the
day of 1894, your or-
ator was united, in the Holy
bonds of Matrimony with one
Minnie Clark, and for a while
your orator and his said wife,
Minnie, lived happily together
in said county of ~~Salem~~, where
they last co-habited together,
during all of which time, your
orator endeavored to, and did,
bestow upon his said wife, all
of that comfort, protection and
loving care which is due from
a husband to his wife, and gave
her no cause for her subsequent
misconduct which your orator
will hereafter set forth.
Your orator states and here charges,

that his said wife, between six and seven years ago, in disregard of her marriage vows, willfully deserted your orator, and without any cause, abandoned his house, in said County, and has remained away ever since.

Your orator charges, that his said wife, has without the connivance or procurement of your orator, and within the last preceding five years, been guilty of adultery, that she has within the last five years, at different times and places and with various men, had sexual intercourse.

Your orator states that he has been continually domiciled in the County of Lee, and State of Virginia for the last twelve months preceding the institution of this suit.

Your orator is advised that a Court of Equity will, upon proper evidence being produced relieve him of such an unholy alliance.

The Prayers considered, the prayer of your orator is, that the said

Minnie Blodere be made a party
Defendant to this Bill and required
to answer its allegations; but she
need not answer on oath that
being hereby waived.

That the bond of matrimony
existing between your orator
and his said wife be wholly
and forever dissolved. That
your orator be by your Hon-
or's decree divorced a vincu-
lo matrimonii. That your
Honor grant all other further,
different and general relief
which may be deemed consistent
with equity and good conscience.

And your Honor may the Com-
monwealth's peace be there issue
And your orator will ever
pray &c

Charles Blodere.
Attest Manassah P. L.

Costs:

Clerk	\$4.73
Shff.	1.50
Tax	1.20 ^{pd}
Atty	15.00
	<u>\$22.73</u>
	<u>16.50</u>
	<u>.23</u>

\$1.00 pd.

1900 to 1910

Charles Bledsoe

vs Bill

Hinnie Bledsoe

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Bill filed 1st Sept.

Rules 1904. J. H. Ewing
Clk.

1904. 1st Sept. Rules.

Bill filed, Sp.

executed ~~1904~~

2nd Sept. Rules

~~D. H. Confinement~~

cause set for hearing.

Charles. Bledsoe Pff.
against ~~the~~ In Chancery —
Minnie Bledsoe. deft.

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the Bill of Plaintiff and depositions filed therewith, process duly executed on the defendant. And was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof, the court being of opinion that the charge of desertion is fully proved, doth adjudge, order and decree that the marriage heretofore solemnized between Plaintiff and defendant, he, and the same is hereby dissolved, the said Charles Bledsoe, former divorced from his wife, and nothing further remaining to be done. This cause is stricken from the docket;

Charles Bledsoe,
vs. } } Decree Final
Minnie Bledsoe
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Entered C.O.B.  
No. 7 Page 550.

Enter this.

H. C. W. Shum

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1904.



The deposition of Holt Bledsoe and others taken before me J. H. Leach a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Scott Co Va on the 7 day of Nov. 1904 at my residence near Russell Scott Co Va ~~the~~ pursuant to notice which when taken is intended to be used as evidence on behalf of Charles Bledsoe in a suit Chancery now pending in the Circuit Court of Scott Co Va wherein Charles Bledsoe is plff and Minnie Bledsoe is dft.

Just State your age residence and occupation?

Ans.

Holt Bledsoe a witness of lawful age being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

Just State your age residence and occupation?

Ans. 23 yrs. old, live in Lee Co Va, occupation farming.

Just Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit?



Ans. I am.

Just. Where does Charles Bledsoe now reside and where has he been living the last twelve months preceding the institution of this suit?

Ans. In Lee County, Va.

Just. Please state if you know of Minnie Bledsoe, wife of Charles Bledsoe, wilfully deserting and abandoning her husband Charles Bledsoe, over three years before the institution of this suit; state what you know about it.

Ans. I know she wilfully deserted and abandoned him about 7 or 8 years ago. She has remained away ever since. I know I have not seen her at his house since. I live in the neighborhood where Mr. Bledsoe now lives and where he lived when she wilfully deserted and abandoned him.

Just. Where did (I mean in what



County of this state) did the  
said Charles Bledsoe and  
Minnie his wife live together  
as man and wife,

Ans. In Lee Co. Va.  
Quest. Was this by the connivance  
or consent, wish or command  
of Charles Bledsoe that his  
wife Minnie wilfully  
deserted and abandoned  
him?

Ans. It was not. Charles Bledsoe  
came to our house crying  
and said that Minnie  
had left him.  
And further this deponent  
says to wit.

Holt Bledsoe

C. F. Hicks another witness  
of lawful age being first  
duly sworn deposes and  
says:

Quest. State your age, residence and  
occupation?

Ans. age 18, reside near Blackwater  
Lee Co Va, am a farmer.



Quest. Where does Charles Sedgwick now live and where has he been living the last twelve months before the filing of this suit?  
Ans. In Lee Co Va

Quest. Please state if you know of Minnie Sedgwick wife of Charles Sedgwick wilfully deserting and abandoning him over three years before the institution of this suit?

Ans. Yes, sir, it has been over three years since she wilfully deserted and abandoned him. It has been as much as four years I should say.

Quest. Was this by the connivance, procurement, wish or consent of Charles Sedgwick that his wife Minnie wilfully deserted and abandoned him?

Ans. It was not, so far as I know.



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And further this deponent  
says the not.

C. F. Hicks.

Virginia Scott County, to wit:  
I J D Carter a Commissioner  
in Chy for the Circuit Court of  
Scott County, Va do hereby  
certify that the foregoing deposition  
of Holt ~~Sease~~ and C. F. Hicks  
were duly taken, ~~on~~ sworn and  
subscribed to before me in  
my County at the time and  
place and for the purpose  
mentioned in the caption.  
Given under my hand  
on this the 7 day of November  
1884.

J D Carter  
Commissioner Chy  
for the Circuit Court  
of Scott County, Va.



Nov. 7, 1904,

Charles Bledsoe

vs } Deposition

Minnie Bledsoe

                    

Filed Nov. 8, 1904.

H. C. Fawcett, clk.

Costs:

Clk. \$4.73

Tax 1.50

Wife

Com. \$15.00

Atty



To Minnie Bledsoe

Take notice that I will, on the 7 day of Nov 1894,  
at the residence of J. B. Carter in Scott Co. Va. near Russell  
between the hours of 8 A. M. and 8 P. M., on that day, proceed to take  
the depositions of Isaac Otford and others, to be read in evidence  
in my behalf, in a certain suit in Chy depending in the  
Circuit Court for the County of Scott Lee, wherein  
you are defendant and I am plff;  
and if, from any cause, the taking of the said depositions be not commenced on that day, or, if  
commenced, be not concluded on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned and contin-  
ued from day to day, or from time to time, or from place to place at the same place and between the same hours, until  
the same shall be completed.

Respectfully yours,

Charles Bledsoe  
By A. C. & W. A. Bledsoe

Oct. 28, 1904



Charles Bledsoe

vs. }

NOTICE TO TAKE  
DEPOSITIONS.

Minnie Bledsoe

A. C. D. Manser, p. q.

Executed by me  
on Nov. 1, 1904  
by delivering a  
true office copy  
of the within to  
Minnie Bledsoe  
in person in  
Wise co. Va.  
E. H. Kinslow



To Minnie Bledsoe, Fall notice  
shot down the 10 day of Sept  
1904 at the residence of J. D. Carter  
Suffolk State Co Va between  
the hours of 9 AM & 9 PM I  
will proceed to take the deposition  
of Charles Bledsoe and others  
to be used as evidence on my  
behalf in a suit in Chy now  
pending in the Circuit Court of  
Lee Co Va wherein I am  
Plff and you are deft.  
If from any cause the  
taking of said depositions  
be not commenced or if com-  
menced, the same be not com-  
cluded on that day the taking  
thereof will be adjourned from  
time to time and place to  
place till the same shall  
have been concluded

Yours truly  
Charles Bledsoe  
By Counsel

Aug. 29, 1904



Charles Bledsoe  
W 3 N 1/2 Sec 36  
T 2 N R 10 E  
Minnic Bledsoe

Executed by me  
on Aug 30, 1904 -  
by delivering a true  
office copy of the  
Within Notice to  
Minnic Bledsoe in  
person in wine  
to Va -

E T Kiser swc



The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon *Minnie Bledsoc*

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at rules to be held for the said court, on the *1<sup>st</sup>* Monday in ~~September~~ *September*, 190*4*, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against *her* in our said court by *Charles Bledsoc*

And have then there this writ. Witness, *H. T. Ewing* *A. B. MUNSEY* Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *August*, 190*4*, and in the 12*9<sup>th</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*H. T. Ewing*, Clerk.



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Charles Bledsoe

vs.

SUBPEONA  
IN CHANCERY.

Minnie Bledsoe

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A. C. D. Mauss p. q.

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To 1<sup>st</sup> September Rules.

Circuit Court.

1904

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Executed by me on  
aug 30 1904 by  
delivering a true  
office copy of the  
within to Minnie Bledsoe  
in person in Win  
co. Va..

E. T. Kiser S. C. C.